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Dix to light the night with July 4 celebration

Fort Dix will join the nation in observance of Independence Day Wednesday, July 4, with fireworks and entertainment.

The event -- one of the largest in South Jersey -- is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

Doughboy Field will once again teem with people, young and old, taking in the aromas of funnel cake and hotdogs, playing on the field or sitting on the grass listening to great music provided by country music star Craig Morgan and the 307th Army Rock Show Band.

Parachutists from the Silver Wings Parachute Team, from Fort Benning, Ga., will add an extra lift to the entertainment.

Those planning to attend the celebration are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs to spread out on the field. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m.

Fort Dix will honor its Honorary Commanders for 2007-2008 with a swearing-in ceremony during the program.

The fireworks display will start at 9:30 p.m.

There will be restricted parking, but shuttle buses will be provided for access to the installation for those without decals on their vehicles. Photo identification will be required for all adults and children 12 years and older.

For everyone's safety, alcohol and private fireworks are not allowed, and people are asked to leave their pets at home.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. North wind between 5 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. Possible thunderstorms, low of 58 degrees.

SATURDAY -- Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. North wind between 5 and 7 mph. Partly cloudy into evening, low of 58.

SUNDAY -- Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. Clearing in p.m., low of 58.

MONDAY -- Cooler, mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Clearing into evening with an overnight low around 60.

TUESDAY -- Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Cloudy toward evening, low around 60 degrees, slight chance of showers.

INDEPENDENCE DAY -- A chance of showers and thunderstorms in a.m., clearing toward evening. Daytime high near 83, overnight low about 65.

THURSDAY -- Hot and humid, high of 89 with clouds and chance of thunderstorms. Overnight low of 70 degrees.

FRIDAY -- Continued warm, mostly sunny, high of 88 and overnight low of 66 degrees.



Ed Mingin

THAT'S A WRAP -- Spc. Randolph Hall, above, and British Warrant Officer First Class Jim O'Donnell, right, wrap up their parachutes after a jump. Hall and O'Donnell are participating in a joint training exercise between American and British Soldiers.



Spc. Eric A. Rutherford

Brits jump at Fort Dix training

Spc. Eric A. Rutherford
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Plastic cups spinning rapidly in the breeze, the hand-held wind meter displayed a speed of seven knots. Low clouds spread over Coyle Field in the New Jersey Pine Barrens, sky-lining the humvees and troops working diligently at the top of the hill. A light rain pattered the barrens.

"They should have been here ten minutes ago," said Major John Meredith, speaking with a heavy Welsh accent. "There must be some sort of problem."

Meredith, a member of the British

4th Battalion Parachute Regiment Reserve, worked with the ground crews to ensure the drop zone was prepared properly for the British paratroopers who would soon land.

The ground crew continued to take wind readings, and set up large neon

the crew's hand-held radio. "We have you in sight. You are clear to jump," he transmitted into the radio.

As those on the ground looked toward the horizon, the grey aircraft floated out of the clouds like a shark stalking through murky water.

over the drop zone, small objects began falling from it. They fell free for a brief moment before blossoming into round canopies, dangling their human cargo as they headed for the ground.

Seconds later the plane was out of sight.

Joyous yelling and laughter could be heard from the people in the parachute canopies as they descended for about 20 seconds toward the earth.

The yells and the laughter came from members of the 4th Parachute Regiment Reserve, a paratrooper infantry unit that traveled from Leeds, Yorkshire, England, to Fort Dix for two weeks of mobilization readiness

The two-week training session the British paratrooper unit is conducting at Fort Dix includes low-level jump certification, weapons training and land navigation. Of the unit's 400 troops, about 130 made the trip to America for the training, preparation for a deployment to Afghanistan next year.

orange tarps on the ground in the pattern of an "A," while observers and medical personnel stood by.

Static crackled over a member of

Almost as quickly as the Air Force C-130 cargo plane came into view, it was overhead, leaving four distinct contrails behind it. When it passed

Med Hold Barracks dedicated to local hero

Fort Dix will honor one of its own today by dedicating the newly-remodeled Medical Holdover Barracks to a Pemberton Soldier killed in the Global War On Terrorism.

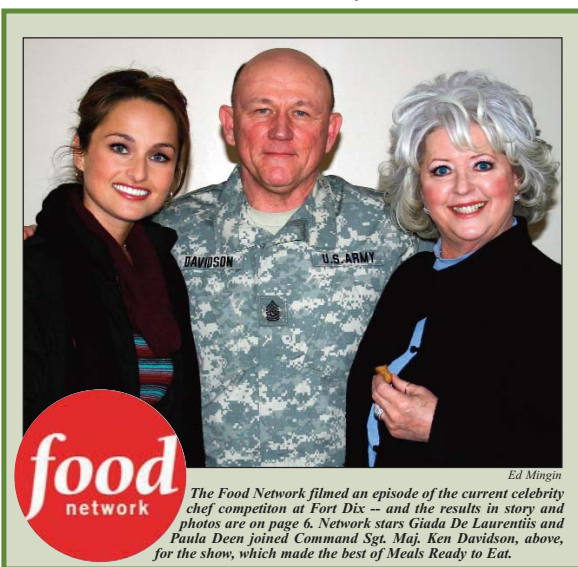
The 10 a.m. ceremony will name Building 5642 in honor of Staff Sgt. Robert J. Chiomento II, a 1990 graduate of Pemberton High School who entered the Army in 1991.

Chiomento was assigned to B Co., 24th Infantry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, when he was killed in Afghanistan in July 2006, during an ambush by the Taliban. During the attack, Chiomento led his Soldiers to a more advantageous fighting position before being struck by a rocket propelled grenade and killed.

He was awarded a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal with Valor for his actions.

The barracks that will bear his name houses Soldiers wounded or injured in the Global War on Terrorism while they are on Fort Dix.

The ceremony is open to the community, and all are invited to attend and honor a local hero.



Ed Mingin

The Food Network filmed an episode of the current celebrity chef competition at Fort Dix -- and the results in story and photos are on page 6. Network stars Giada De Laurentiis and Paula Deen joined Command Sgt. Maj. Ken Davidson, above, for the show, which made the best of Meals Ready to Eat.



Is Hollywood too clueless to honor its best works?

AFI list snubs war films, other classics

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

The American Film Institute (AFI) blew it.

But before teeth gnash, veins bulge, or froth dribbles forth over lips, let's take a look at AFI's latest critical atrocity, the 10th anniversary listing of what members consider the 100 greatest movies of all time.

1 - Citizen Kane; 2 - The Godfather; 3 - Casablanca; 4 - Raging Bull; 5 - Singin' in the Rain; 6 - Gone With the Wind; 7 - Lawrence of Arabia; 8 - Schindler's List; 9 - Vertigo; 10 - The Wizard of Oz; 11 - City Lights; 12 - The Searchers; 13 - Star Wars; 14 - Psycho; 15 - 2001: A Space Odyssey; 16 - Sunset Boulevard; 17 - The Graduate; 18 - The General; 19 - On the Waterfront; 20 - It's a Wonderful Life; 21 - Chinatown; 22 - Some Like It Hot; 23 - The Grapes of Wrath; 24 - The Apartment; 25 - The Exorcist; 26 - The Godfather Part II; 27 - The Best Years of Our Lives; 28 - The Treasure of the Sierra Madre; 29 - Dr. Strangelove; 30 - The Sound of Music; 31 - King Kong; 32 - Bonnie and Clyde; 33 - Midnight Cowboy; 34 - A Streetcar Named Desire; 35 - Rear Window; 36 - Intolerance; 37 - Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring; 38 - West Side Story; 39 - Taxi Driver; 40 - The Deer Hunter; 41 - M*A*S*H; 42 - North by Northwest; 43 - Jaws; 44 - Rocky; 45 - The Godfather Part III; 46 - Duck Soup; 47 - Sullivan's Travels; 48 - American Graffiti; 49 - Cabaret; 50 - Network; 51 - The African Queen; 52 - Raiders of the Lost Ark; 53 - The Untouchables; 54 - The Godfather Part I; 55 - The Godfather Part II; 56 - The Godfather Part III; 57 - The Untouchables; 58 - The Untouchables; 59 - The Untouchables; 60 - The Untouchables; 61 - The Untouchables; 62 - The Untouchables; 63 - The Untouchables; 64 - The Untouchables; 65 - The Untouchables; 66 - The Untouchables; 67 - The Untouchables; 68 - The Untouchables; 69 - The Untouchables; 70 - The Untouchables; 71 - The Untouchables; 72 - The Untouchables; 73 - The Untouchables; 74 - The Untouchables; 75 - The Untouchables; 76 - The Untouchables; 77 - The Untouchables; 78 - The Untouchables; 79 - The Untouchables; 80 - The Untouchables; 81 - The Untouchables; 82 - The Untouchables; 83 - The Untouchables; 84 - The Untouchables; 85 - The Untouchables; 86 - The Untouchables; 87 - The Untouchables; 88 - The Untouchables; 89 - The Untouchables; 90 - The Untouchables; 91 - The Untouchables; 92 - The Untouchables; 93 - The Untouchables; 94 - The Untouchables; 95 - The Untouchables; 96 - The Untouchables; 97 - The Untouchables; 98 - The Untouchables; 99 - The Untouchables; 100 - The Untouchables.



Larry Louschev, Time-Life Pictures

WAR IS HELL -- Kirk Douglas as a French Colonel recruits at the sight of a dead soldier fed into trench warfare during World War I in Stanley Kubrick's epic anti-war film "Paths of Glory." The 1957 classic did not make the top 100 list of movies compiled by the American Film Institute recently, a gross miscarriage of cinematic common sense.

mean films that you enjoy seeing over and over again with only a minimal loss of enthusiasm. Films that resemble great paintings, in a sense. Another oddity in AFI's selections was that the 1970s possessed 20 entries on the list, more than any other decade. Now I've never heard the '70s praised for the quantity of great films flowing forth from the bowels of that bygone era. That doesn't speak highly of the critical acumen of the judges who gained that privilege simply by belonging to AFI.

And now to the movies, especially to ones I can't stand or are overrated and to those who don't belong on the list. Although vast vistas of sun, sky and sand are undeniably stunningly beautiful in Lawrence of Arabia (1926), I have never understood any other appeal the film supposedly had. Patton (1970) is a much better character study featuring a much more interesting person who was involved in many more spectacular battles. Perhaps Peter O'Toole's tortured expressions hold some mystery for critics who've seen too many art films. I dunno but I don't think Lawrence belongs in the top 100.

And let's admit that technology has simply eclipsed some films like City Lights (#11 on AFI's list), The General (#18), Intolerance (#49), The Gold Rush (#58), Modern Times (#78) and Sunrise (#82). Great in their day they still deserve to be honored but not above films telling equally compelling stories amidst much more impressive technol-

ogy. Black and white movies are still viable engines of art but silent films are deadlier than virginity in Hollywood.

Another pet peeve concerns films about cross-dressing that many critics deem so hilarious. I don't know what I'm missing but fail to appreciate Some Like It Hot (#22) or Tootsie (#69). I don't see where they belong on the top 100 unless it's a list compiled by refugees from some cretinous cult determined to undermine the public's sanity.

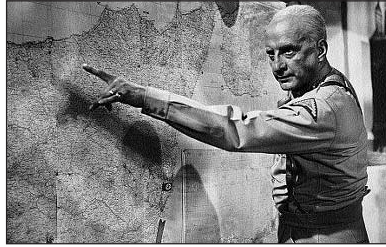
Egregious examples of films praised way beyond their laurels include The Graduate (#17), that tale of a mindless youth succumbing to temptations supposedly rampant in heartless suburbia; All About Eve (#28), a sob story about starlets and what a tough life they lead; West Side Story (#51), not a bad musical but hardly in the class of The King and I (1956) or Oklahoma (1955), both Rogers and Hammerstein musical creations; Taxi Driver (#52), the hero as psycho just doesn't make it; American Graffiti (#62), which didn't match the musical Grease (1978) in any particular; Cabaret (#63), a musical whose dour political and social pretensions got in the way of entertainment; All the President's Men (#77) only mildly interesting account of the Watergate scandal; The Apartment (#80), somewhat amusing but wildly overrated, not as good as Billy Wilder's Sunset Boulevard (1950); Spartacus (#81), interesting spectacle at times but tedious love story weighs it down; Gladiator (2000) much superior spectacle; Titanic (#83) too much mush and not enough agony at sea; Toy Story (#99), which I know little about and care less and Ben Hur (#100), which belongs on the list but is hardly in the class of Cecil B. DeMille's magnificent opt. The Ten Commandments (1956).

And some films that might belong on the list but I think are nevertheless overrated include Raging Bull (#4), Vertigo (#9), The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (#38), and M*A*S*H (#54).

Twenty-three films were dropped off the original list compiled by AFI 10 years ago. Amadeus (1984), The Manchurian Candidate (1962), Dances with Wolves (1990) Fargo (1996) and Patton (1970) were recognized works of high art if not genius and their banishment from AFI's elite suggests an ignorance so profound as to be scorned even by amebas.

For shame, AFI! And From Here to Eternity (1953) and All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) may have dated badly but still look good compared to the likes of current war movies on the list.

War flicks that made the list include Apocalypse Now (#30) which highbrow critics dig because it



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WAY OF THE WARRIOR -- George C. Scott as General Patton plots the invasion of Sicily in 1970's "Patton," winner of eight Oscars including Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor (Scott). But "Patton," which finished #89 on the AFI's list 10 years ago, was dropped completely in this year's edition to make room for some films of questionable quality.

gets into all of that "heart of darkness" crap they so emotionally identify with. I can understand why The Bridge on the River Kwai (#36) was popular but The Guns of Navarone (1961) was more entertaining and just as serious. The Deer Hunter (1953) eloquently visualized what the Vietnam War did to young Soldiers from a small town in Western Pennsylvania. No complaints, there. But Saving Private Ryan (#71) seemed little more than routine to anyone weaned on the great war movies of the '40s, '50s, and '60s. Platoon (#86), similarly, does not seem worthy of some of its predecessors.

Aside from the aforementioned Patton and Paths of Glory (see pictures) and The Guns of Navarone, other war movies deserve serious consideration on anyone's list of top films. These include The Blue Max (1966), an aerial paean to military flyers dog-fighting above trenches in the Great War; Battle of the Bulge Moonstruck (1987) proves once again that a good romantic comedy is tough to match in any category; World War II action; Gunga Din (1939) captures the spirit of imperialist forces at their best; In Harm's Way (1965) has Duke Wayne battling the formidable Japanese fleet; Midway (1976) is another saga about the World War II battle which saw the American Navy seize primacy in Pacific theatre; Das Boot or The Boat (1981) tells the story of a German U-96 submarine and the hell her crew survived in a voyage towards the end of World War II and the French Foreign Legion lives again in March or Die (1977), a hard-bitten successor to Beau Geste that features legionaries gunning down poor, misunderstood Arabs under the blazing sun and searing sands of the Sahara.

Non-war films absent from this year's list but which should, at least, have been given serious consideration when AFI officials regain sanity include: the boisterous, satiric take-off of the Old West in Little Big Man (1970); the hardboiled spy

thriller The Ipcress File (1965); Clint Eastwood's The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976), superior to his Unforgiven (1968); basketball mania in Indiana ably stroked by Gene Hackman in Hoosiers (1986); with the help of Sean Connery and Audrey Hepburn, Robin and Marian (1976) prove that love is the greatest adventure; Frenzy (1972) was Alfred Hitchcock's underrated (for once) plumbing of a sex murderer's psyche; Seven Days in May (1964) saw military lawyer Kirk Douglas foil Air Force General Burt Lancaster's plot to take over the U.S. government.

The Manchurian Candidate (1962) involved Frank Sinatra and crew brainwashed by some nasty Asian communists; Last of the Mohicans (1992) is a beautiful, elegiac tribute to a land and a people doomed to extinction; Fred Astaire entices a naive commissar Cyd Charisse to shed non-capitalist inhibitions in Cole Porter's Silk Stockings (1957); Moonstruck (1987) proves once again that a good romantic comedy is tough to match in any category; Lifeboat (1944) is Hitchcock's gritty and absorbing tale of survival at sea in the throes of war; Bounty (1984) is an absorbing remake of the legendary mutiny therein, beautifully played by Mel Gibson and Anthony Hopkins amid idyllic surroundings; and Anthony Quinn's Zorba the Greek (1964) shows a young man how a zest for life can transcend all the shadows that inevitably appear.

How to explain, finally, many of the curious selections of films staining the list compiled by Pooh-Bahs of the American Film Institute? Well, it takes both intellect and feeling to create - or recognize - a film destined to reign among the classics. And strong doses of intellect are sometimes required to avoid the blind, radical-chic type conformity so appealing to many bedeviled by the Hollywood mindset.

"I think, therefore I am," exclaimed Descartes centuries ago. Someday, errant AFI members might see the same picture.

Whitesbog festival opens Saturday

The 24th annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival opens tomorrow, Saturday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic Whitesbog Village located just south of Browns Mills on Route 345 (led by Texas Avenue) before you run into Route 70.

Everything connected with blueberries will be on display here where the cultivated blueberry was born.

Other attractions include tall tales from folk musician Jim Albertson, a band featuring blends of blue grass and acoustic music, folk singer Valerie Vaughn, and two other bluegrass bands.

Walking and riding tours will be

available enabling guests to discover the history and culture of the Pinelands.

A 2.5 mile hiking trail, mainly on dirt roads, cuts though Whitesbog offering hikers chances to see 250 varieties of birds spotted in the bog.

Parking is \$7 per car or \$3 per person for those bussed in. All proceeds benefit the Whitesbog Preservation Trust which is dedicated to preserving historic Whitesbog Village and surrounding lands.

For more information, phone (609) 893-4646 or email whitesbog@hotmail.com or www.whitesbog.org.



courtesy of Theresa Earley

THERE FOR THE PICKING For a small fee, visitors to Whitesbog can pick their own berries.



file photo by Steve Snyder

WILD WETLANDS -- Tundra swamps, gull-billed terns, whip-poor-wills, white-tailed deer, and fox thrive in the wilds of Whitesbog.



file photo by Steve Snyder

GENERAL STORE -- Crowds jam the General Store at Whitesbog, a scene right out of the 19th century that stocked with all things blueberry: jams, jellies, preserves, toppings and even chocolate-covered blueberries.

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INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR — British and U.S. Soldiers climb aboard a Chinook helicopter as they prepare to make a jump, above. The troops spent the week in a joint training mission at Fort Dix. The training mission is to last for two weeks. Much of the first week was spent at Coyle Field, where the troops received low-level jump certification. They jumped from both the Chinook and Air Force C-130 aircraft. Staff Sgt. Norberto Flores, 404th Civil Affairs, helps British Pvt. Shannon Wittchell, 4th Bat. Parachute Reg., secure his gear for the jump, right. The mission will include additional training including weapons training, land navigation and water survival.

photos by Ed Mungin

Brits jump at training

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training in June and July in preparation for a deployment to Afghanistan next year. The training is designed to familiarize British paratroopers with American equipment, signals and terminology.

"The training here is first class," said Warrant Officer Doug Muirhead, the regimental sergeant major, about the unit's opportunity to come to an American installation and train with U.S. forces. "We are getting good training, which is important for interoperability."

The two-week training that the unit, which is made up of around 400 troops from throughout Great Britain, is conducting here is comprised of low-level jump certification, weapons training and land navigation.

Of the unit's 400 troops, about 130

made the trip to America for the training.

"Trips abroad don't come around that often, so we look forward to it. The training facilities are fantastic," Muirhead said about his experiences training on American installations.

The training mission was no small task to organize, and was assisted and planned by the Fort Dix staff and the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Staff Sgt. Monica Peck said American forces helped to survey the drop zone, familiarize the British with U.S. parachutes, rig the chutes and perform safety checks.

Peck, an Army Reserve jumpmaster and civil affairs team leader from the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion out of Riverdale, Md., not only assisted with planning and set up, but also made the

jump with a handful of other American Soldiers. This is not Peck's first time working with British paratroopers. She trained with them at Fort Bragg in 1997, but wasn't unable to jump with because she had to end the training to attend jumpmaster school.

"Here I am, ten years later and it is a real honor for me to get to be the leader with this group of guys, (they are) good folks," Peck said.

Additional training, including water survival and land navigation, will fill in the few days the paratroopers don't take to the air.

The British paratroopers return to Britain a week from Sunday and will deploy to Afghanistan next year.

(This is the first of a three-part series on the joint training venture at Fort Dix.)



Coalition troops pressure insurgents

American Forces Press Service -- WASHINGTON, June 27, 2007 -- "The troop surge has become "a surge of operations," and coalition forces are in the early stages of a difficult fight, a Multinational Force Iraq spokesman told reporters in Baghdad today. (Video)

Coalition and Iraqi troops working together have led successful operations recently in Baqubah, Mosul, Anbar and Diyala provinces, and north of Baghdad, Army Brig. Gen. Kevin Bergner said.

"We are on Day 12 of Operation Phantom Thunder, the Multinational Corps' offensive to simultaneously increase pressure in and around Baghdad. This has been, and will continue to be, a tough fight; we are in the early stages of that fight," he said.

Acknowledging the continuing violence in the region,

Bergner said he joins Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in condemning the June 25 bombing of a busy Baghdad hotel that claimed 13 victims. Four tribal sheiks who were important coalition allies against al Qaeda in Anbar province were among those killed.

"This attack on Iraqis who sought peace and reconciliation is an affront to all people, and further proof of the barbaric nature of al Qaeda," said Bergner.

Speaking about recent operations, the general said coalition forces killed two senior al Qaeda leaders June 23 south of Hawija in Tamim province.

One of the leaders killed operated a cell that helped foreign fighters move into Iraq. The other slain insurgent, known as Khalil al-Turki, operated with the same cell and held close ties to other senior al

Qaeda leaders, Bergner said. In Baqubah June 25, combined troops discovered an illegal prison and house used by al Qaeda for executions.

Nearby, forces also uncovered a torture chamber and makeshift courthouse linked to the terrorist network, he said.

In recent operations in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood, Iraqi special forces detained the leader of a kidnapping, murder and IED cell. The suspect also has provided false identification, uniforms and vehicles to insurgent fighters

In raids around the site, coalition elements uncovered a medical facility where injured al Qaeda operatives received treatment, a stockpile of rocket-propelled grenades and a vehicle wired for use as a car bomb.

"This array of facilities is an example of how the enemy seeks to consolidate and create

an operating base from which they can conduct attacks on the local population, and launch spectacular attacks into Baghdad," Bergner said. "It is further evidence of the importance of applying pressure in and around Baghdad to remove extremist safe-havens and operating bases."

Local residents in Mosul this week led Iraqi and coalition forces to a weapons cache and a large bomb factory where troops found insurgents assembling four truck bombs and two car bombs.

In conjunction with this raid, combined forces nabbed 32 suspected terrorists.

"This is an example of what can be achieved by working and living in the neighborhoods with the people we seek to secure, and operating in partnership with Iraqi police and army forces," he said.

Speaking about operations in Anbar province, Bergner said troops there discovered a facility where improvised explosive devices were being produced, seizing 66 IEDs and bomb-making components.

In Diyala province, the confidence and trust between local tribes and security has led to success, Bergner said, quoting the provincial police director. Troops there have detained or killed roughly 100 al Qaeda operatives.

The coalition's Iraqi counterparts are "very much in the hunt," the general said. "They are increasingly the first line of defense, while taking casualties at rates of two to three

times that of the coalition, and they are not deterred."

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In a dangerous Baghdad area, Bergner visited the Joint Security Station -- one of the mixed communities where Iraqi army and police forces are working in concert.

Bergner said that coalition progress is mirrored by progress among the Iraqi people.

"Ultimately, the progress of the Iraqi people is our progress," he said. "We are humbled by their courage, and reminded every day of their sacrifice. We are working hard to help them move forward,

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MILITARY MATTERS



Soldiers from Charlie Company, 175th Infantry, Maryland National Guard, above and top right, train at the Fort Dix Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site, better known as Balad. Sgt. Teddy Holtry, near right, and Pfc. Daniel Pevear, far right, both with Bravo Battery, 143rd Field Artillery Battalion, California National Guard, practice Individual Movement Techniques at Range 86 along with their fellow 143rd Field Artillery Soldiers, below.

photos by Ryan Morton



ROAD TO OIF/OEF



Infantry, field artillery Soldiers train for war



Soldiers from Charlie Battery, 143rd Field Artillery Battalion, California National Guard, and Charlie Company, 175th Infantry Battalion, Maryland National Guard, train at Fort Dix in preparation for a deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Both units will work with the 58th Brigade Combat Team, Maryland National Guard, in-theater.



CAP cadets coming to Dix



Approximately 150 Civil Air Patrol cadets and adult officers will be coming to Fort Dix June 29 for the CAP NJ Wing Basic Encampment. They are set to graduate from the program July 6 at Timmermann Center.

courtesy photos

Come June 29, you'll see them marching, waiting in mess hall lines at Fort Dix and driving around in white vans. They'll wear real woodland camouflage BDUs and polished black boots that will have to pass inspection.

They're Civil Air Patrol cadets, on post for a week for CAP NJ Wing Basic Encampment.

During the encampment week, most of them will also have a chance at the controls of CAP Cessna 172 or 182 aircraft at Trenton-Mercer Airport, along with certified flight instructors. Cadet orientation flights are much like the driver education programs that many of us had in high school — not designed to teach them to fly, but to give them a feel for flying.

"Encampment is hard work, an accomplishment for the cadets," said CAP Lt. Col. Robert Jennings, encampment commander. "It's not easy, but at the end, the kids know they

have accomplished something real and made many friends they'll have for years in CAP."

CAP Basic Encampment is the cornerstone of the organization's cadet program. For the 23,000 CAP cadets in the U.S., it's the first hurdle they must get over before taking part in bigger programs, like airshows and weeklong visits to other bases. It's also part of the cadet program's 16 steps through the airman, non-commissioned officer and officer ranks.

At Fort Dix, an expected 150 CAP cadets and their adult officers will be staying at the Air Mobility Warfare Center off Texas Ave. A graduation program for the cadets and their proud parents is scheduled for July 6 at the Timmermann Conference Center.

CAP has its NJ Wing headquarters on Neely Rd., McGuire AFB. You can learn more about NJ Wing at njwg.cap.gov or visit the national Web site at cap.gov

Boyd takes over new assignment as MOB deputy

Col. Larry Boyd took over as Fort Dix deputy commander for mobilization in a brief transfer of authority ceremony June 22 at Club Dix, replacing Col. Douglas Dinon who has served in the job for two years. Boyd, who comes to Fort Dix from an assignment as the G-1 of the 77th Regional Readiness Support Command, takes on the mission of ensuring that the entire mobilization system on post runs smoothly and that Soldiers are trained, equipped, processed, medically fit and ready to serve in the Global War On Terrorism.



Intelligence center gains new commander

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Lt. Col. Robert Michnowicz assumed command of the Northeast Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center (NEARISC) during a change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix June 27.

Michnowicz accepted transfer of the command from Lt. Col. Carolyn Kleiner, who after two years as the organization's commander, moves on to new challenges as she will be attending the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

The ceremony involves the traditional Passing of the Colors, which signifies the relinquishing of command by the outgoing commander and an assumption of command by the new commander.

The event symbolizes the actual transferring of authority and responsibilities for accomplishing the mission and the welfare of the unit's Soldiers.

After receiving the Meritorious Service Medal from Brig. Gen. Gregory Schumacher, commander, Army Reserve Military Intelligence Readiness Command, who presided over the ceremony.

Kleiner took to the podium to express her appreciation for all of the support she had received during her tenure as commander of the NEARISC.

"Within the NEARISC it is usually the operations section that gets all of the recognition but I want to acknowledge that none of the great things that had been accomplished could have been done without the support of the administration,

supply, logistics, security, and information technology sections. They are not really sections but each is an army of one. Just like other units throughout the Army we have been operating at nearly 50 percent of our manning and yet these Soldiers were able to accomplish the mission. We also received great support from the installation command staff and many colleagues from each of the other branches — the Navy, the Air Force and the Marines," said Kleiner.

"It is my pleasure to turn over command of the NEARISC to Lt. Col. Michnowicz, who has been a friend and mentor for me as I prepare to go to the War College," added Kleiner.

Schumacher spoke to those in attendance, thanking the families especially for their support of their loved ones who serve the nation.

He said the intelligence folks have a unique mission and role.

"We are an Army at war, serving a nation at war. We need to do a better job of informing our nation of who we are. We also are not fighting an enemy that is a nation state but rather an ideology. The enemy is radical and driven to win by impressing their ideas on the world. We must win this war of ideas and preserve our nation and way of life," said Schumacher.

The general expressed his appreciation for the accomplishments and leadership of Kleiner and his support and faith in the leadership of Michnowicz.

"I know Lt. Col. Michnow-



icz will do a great job because I have gotten to know him when he served on my staff as the G3," said Schumacher.

When Michnowicz spoke he thanked the general for his support and faith in him and said that Kleiner is a tough act to follow.

"Thank you all for coming to the ceremony. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as commander here at the NEARISC and look forward to the road ahead," Michnowicz said.

Michnowicz received his commission in Armor from Seton Hall University as a Distinguished Military Graduate in May 1987.

Upon completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course, Michnowicz was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Aschaffenburg, Germany. His unit participated in Opera-

tions Desert Shield and Storm where they received a Valorous Unit Award.

Michnowicz has also served at Fort Huachuca, Az., Fort Belvoir, Va., and returned to Fort Huachuca where he served as a Tank and Cavalry Troop commander in the Army Reserve.

He was then selected to the Active Guard and Reserve Program and assigned to instruct Reserve Officer Training Course at Georgia Military College where he also served as the recruiting officer, reserve liaison and property book officer.

His next duty assignment landed him in East Windsor, Conn. as the executive officer for the 325th Military Intelligence Battalion (OPS) (CORPS).

After 9-11, the unit deployed for one year to Fort Bragg, N.C. and then returned

INCOMING INTEL — Lt. Col. Robert Michnowicz, commander, Northeast Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center (NEARISC), far left, receives the unit guidon from Brig. Gen. Gregory Schumacher, commander, Army Reserve Military Intelligence Readiness Command, during a change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix June 27. Lt. Col. Carolyn Kleiner, outgoing NEARISC commander, below right, receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Schumacher during the ceremony. Kleiner commanded the unit for two years.

photos by Wayne Cook



to home station at which time Michnowicz took command of the battalion and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After the battalion returned from Iraq Michnowicz was assigned to the Military Intelligence Readiness Commands G-3 section as the Chief of Operations.

He was selected to attend the Army War College and upon graduation was assigned to the Reserve Management Office within the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Michnowicz's military schools include the Army War College, the Command and General Staff College, Airborne, TOW Trainer, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense, Intelligence Officer

Transition and Advanced Courses and the Cavalry Leader's Course.

He has been awarded the following awards and decorations: Bronze Star Medal with V device and two Oak Leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf cluster, Army Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze stars, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device, Kuwait Liberation Medal from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal from Kuwait, and the Army Valorous Unit Award.

Michnowicz has two daughters, Anna andaleigh.

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Next Food Network Star competitors vie for win at Fort Dix

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

Keeping Soldiers fit to fight means, among other things, making sure their bellies are full. Troops count on three squares a day to keep their energy levels — and morale — high.

But while Army food is filling, it's not always fulfilling. Caloric levels and nutritional value trump good taste when it comes to preparing a service member's menu.

After all, an Army marches on its stomach, not its palette. At the Food Network, things are just the opposite. Healthy choices are subordinate to delectable dishes, and comfort food is standard issue.

When six contestants from The Next Food Network Star took aim at the military's menu at Fort Dix this past February, the results were a treat for both tummies and taste buds.

The network shot the fourth episode of its second-season series at the New Jersey National Guard's Joint Training and Development Center (JT2DC) and a dining facility on post. Food Network stars Giada De Laurentiis and Paula Deen hosted the episode, which didn't air until June 24.

"I've never actually been on a military base before," said De Laurentiis, who hosted the morning challenge at the JT2DC — to create a tasty, well-presented dish using a Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) and pantry items provided by the network.

The six contestants had 20 minutes to whip up their concoctions, which would then be judged by De Laurentiis, Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson, installation command sergeant major, and Sgt. Tomika Velazquez, 1079th Garrison Support Unit, on creativity, flavor, and presentation.

The competition was held in a large, open bay at the JT2DC. One half of the bay was set up for the contestants with tables and pantry items such as canned goods, pre-packaged foods, and non-perishable items. Military vehicles and camouflage netting provided the backdrop. The remainder of the room was filled with cameramen, crewmembers, producers, and onlooking Soldiers and civilians.

"Welcome to Fort Dix," De Laurentiis said to the arriving contestants. "Today's challenge is to reinvent the MRE."

Twenty minutes went by quickly as contestants worked feverishly to complete their dishes on time. When the buzzer sounded, the three judges moved from contestant to contestant, tasting the meals while listening to the one-minute presentations.

"There was no bad food; all the food was very good. It was the best from the better," said

Davidson. "Every one of them really put forth their best effort and had a great attitude."

By far, I think Paul (McCullough) wins it," said De Laurentiis. Both Davidson and Velazquez agreed, and the contestants were brought back in to receive the results.

"It was very creative, very flavorful," De Laurentiis said to McCullough. "Congratulations!"

"I made grilled chicken with sweet potatoes and a cherry orange sauce," McCullough explained. "Desert was a lemon poppy cake."

"I was surprised how bland the MRE was," he added, "but I was amazed with the packaging and the portability."



McCullough, a self-taught chef who owns and operates a Los Angeles-based catering business called Paul's Kitchen, was also impressed with what he saw of the military.

"Fort Dix is cool," he said. "It made me realize how strong our military is."

After lunch, McCullough and his fellow finalists faced their second challenge of the day — to feed 75 hungry Soldiers with meals prepared in just two hours at a dining facility.

The food was eaten and judged by the Soldiers and Food Network representatives including De Laurentiis and Deen. In the end, it was McCullough and Garcia who came out on top.

The overall winner of The Next Food Network Star will have his or her own show on the network, so the stakes — and the pressure — are high.

"It's amazing to me how much pressure they're under, to perform and move from one contest to the next," said De Laurentiis.

"If you and I had to do this," she said jokingly to Deen, "we wouldn't be here."

According to De Laurentiis, the show's first season featured unrealistic cooking situations, but that has been rectified.

"This season, they're fascinating," she said, explaining that the contestants are being put into more real-world situations and interacting with audiences.

De Laurentiis offered her own insight into what makes a Food Network star.

"Paula and I are not reinventing the wheel with her southern cooking and my Italian cooking," she said.

The key, according to De

Laurentiis, is to be honest with the audience, to allow one's genuine personality to show through, and to have a passion for cooking.

"People tell me every day, 'We trust you,'" she said. "We really love what we do. We do it passionately. I think that's what keeps us successful."

"It's all about selling," continued De Laurentiis, whose grandfather is film director Dino De Laurentiis. "His key to success is his ability to sell anything."

One key to the success of this episode of The Next Food Network Star was the cooperation of, and coordination with, Fort Dix.

"It's great to be patriotic, and to have a creative challenge in an interesting setting," said Food Network producer Thierry Bled. "It's a true reflection of how organized and efficient the Army is. It's great to be here."

"I was impressed by the fact that the preparation for all these Soldiers is (conducted) right here on Fort Dix," said Deen, who has filmed other shows for deploying units.

"It was a great experience," said Davidson. "Absolutely everything was flawless."

"Their personalities that you see on the Food Network came through as genuine in person," he added. "They're welcome back any time."

The Next Food Network Star airs Sundays at 9 p.m. The episode featuring Fort Dix can be viewed June 29 at midnight, June 30 at 8 p.m., July 1 at 8 p.m. and July 2 at 3 a.m.



photos by Ed Mingin



PRESSURE COOKER
Cameras roll as Next Food Network Star contestants Paul McCullough, Rory Schepisi and Michael Salmon, from left at top, try to make a tasty dish from Meals, Ready-to-Eat (MREs) during the Food Network's visit to Fort Dix this past February. Food Network personality Giada De Laurentiis, above center, Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson, installation command sergeant major, above left, and Sgt. Tomika Velazquez, 1079th Garrison Support Unit, above right, judge the MRE challenge with forks in hand. Contestants Adrien Sharp and Amy Finley, from left at left, let off some steam during the high-pressure competition.

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AAFES to open new shopette in June

AAFES will open a new Shopette on McGuire in June. Within the facility will be a God-fathers Pizza.

The restaurant will soon be hiring crew members and delivery people. Starting pay for crew members is \$8.69 per hour. As for the delivery people, they start at \$7.40 per hour. However AAFES provides the vehicle and drivers keep their tips.

To apply, visit www.aafes.com/ and click the employment link.

State to offer Army retiree license plates

The Fort Dix Retiree Council would like to solicit your help in supporting the New Jersey Retired Army Retiree License Plate Initiative.

In order to apply for the New Jersey Retired Army plates, 150 applicants are required. There is a fee of \$15 for each set of license plates per car.

To apply, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Walker at 351-5020, retired 1st Sgt. Tamayo at 670-3586, or the RSO at 562-2666. Information needed is name, rank, address, and current license plate number.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council. Only N.J. residents can apply.

Garden Terrace 1100 Area fencing to begin July 2

Beginning July 2, the Garden Terrace 1100 Area will be fenced off to become part of the Garden Terrace construction area. No families will be residing in the 1100 Area when this change occurs.

The additional fencing will not affect access to any other portion of Fort Dix. Access to the Fort Dix Youth Center and the Garden Terrace 1200, 1500, and 1600 housing areas will continue to be via West 10th Street off of New Jersey Avenue. Access to the Fort Dix Elementary School and the Juliustown Road checkpoint will continue to be via Montpelier Street off of New Jersey Avenue. The portion of Juliustown Road between Montpelier Street and West 10th Street will continue to be temporarily closed. The detours signs will remain in place to direct traffic. The Juliustown Road checkpoint will be unaffected by this change. The purpose of the fencing is to provide a construction area that is independently fenced off from the remainder of the Fort Dix cantonment area.

This will alleviate the need for hundreds of construction personnel to access any on-post housing area. It will also prevent the need to route construction vehicles through the installation to the housing area from the Commercial Vehicle Gate.

The fencing will prevent heavy construction traffic from entering adjoining residential neighborhoods, thus protecting neighborhood children from traffic as well as from other ongoing construction activities. The fencing will also allow for a smoother construction flow which should shorten the amount of time for project completion by one year thus lessening the inconvenience to neighboring residents.

Construction in the 1100 Area will last about 1.5 years. As construction areas are completed, they will be removed from the fenced-in construction area as soon as possible. Throughout the project United Communities will try to meld convenience to neighboring residents with the safety and performance of construction activities.

4th of July Celebration

Entertainment

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Soldiers find more than training on post

Spc. Patrick Lair
115th MPAD

Sure, it's called the Garden State, but many Soldiers are surprised to learn that New Jersey, nestled between large urban areas like Philadelphia and New York City, can be just as green as more remote areas of the country.

"I ain't seen much of Jersey, just a whole lot of Fort Dix," said Spc. Roderrick Gillam of the Missouri National Guard's 735th Combat Support Company. "I didn't know there were so many wild animals up in here."

Gillam, 26, is one of more than 4,000 Soldiers cycling through mobilization training at Fort Dix in preparation for upcoming deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

A native of St. Louis, the Soldier said he was surprised to see so many deer along the jogging trail during his daily physical fitness routine at Camp Victory, the Forward Operating Base where he has spent the past six weeks training.

In addition to the abundance of whitetail deer roaming the post, one also cannot fail to notice a thriving population of ground hogs, which can be found everywhere on post, from barracks to FOB to weapons ranges.

Riley Parker, manager of the Fort Dix Outdoor Recreation Center, said his facility attempts to capitalize on this easy access to the wilderness when creating activities for Soldiers and their families.

"We've got an awful lot going on here if you like the outdoors," he said. "We got the coast, the woods, hunting, fishing, you name it."

Parker said the recreation center, a long-running program sponsored by U.S. Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation, runs weekly adventure



THE GREAT OUTDOORS -- Air Force Tech Sgt Harry Nagle casts a fishing line during his lunch break at Willow Pond.

trips at a price he hopes service members can afford.

"We do our best to help out the service men and women we're working for," he said.

While the surge of mobilizing Soldiers likely will have little time for extracurricular activities, Parker said they are welcome to come to any event or activity he plans.

This July, the schedule hops from dolphin watching at the coast to kayaking at a nearby reservoir, rock climbing, deep sea fishing, horseback riding and parasailing, as well.

And if a group of Soldiers has a particular activity they'd like to do on a certain day, just let Parker know and he'll make it happen, he said.

For Air Force Tech Sgt. Harry Nagle, enjoying the outdoors can be as simple as dropping a line into one of many local fishing ponds during his lunch hour.

"I get out here three or four times a week," Nagle said recently, reeling in a spinner near a dock along Willow Pond before returning to work.

"I fish for anything that'll bite, but really I just like getting out," he said. Willow Pond, a 10-acre body of water located adjacent to the mobilization barracks, supports a varied body of wild life, including blue herons, Canadian geese, ducks and other waterfowl, painted box turtles, bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie and more.

Willow Pond is one of many such lakes scattered across post where fishermen can try their luck. Some spots, like the 11-acre Lake of the Woods near Range Road, are stocked with trout in the fall and spring.

The post is also home to the Ft. Dix Rod and Gun Club, a fee membership facility sponsored by U.S. Army MWR, which offers members the use of Range 14 for archery, rifle, pistol, skeet and trap shooting, and also grants eligibility into frequent fishing and hunting contests.

Soldiers can also sign up for a biannual hunter's safety course through the recreation center. For more information on equipment and facility rentals, call 562-4212.

Youth ChalleNGe cadets enjoy family, fun

Pvt. Kirby Rider
115th MPAD

The New Jersey National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program held its biannual Family Fun Day at Willow Pond June 24.

YCP helps give troubled youth an alternative to traditional schooling.

"The YCP gives cadets a much needed military baseline," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Erlenbusch, YCP cadre member.

The event featured 109 cadets, including a drill team. More than 400 family members attended the event to support their children in the program.

The Family Fun Day featured a barbecue, ring-toss game, volleyball and display of military equipment, courtesy of the National Guard.

"The event is a lot of work to put on, but it is well worth it for cadets and families," said Col. (Retired) Kenneth Prossick, YCP director. "This is the first time cadets have seen their family since Easter."

YCP cadets live under strict mili-

tary standards including daily physical training, formations, marching to and from chow, and keeping their bunk sheets at tight 45-degree angles, Erlenbusch said.

Cadets attend many classes each day, including social studies, writing, math, life skills and science.

The YCP recruited around 150 cadets to start the 22-week program, and will likely graduate around 110-115 cadets in August.

The course began with a pre-challenge, where cadets experience the program and then decide if it is right for them.

The program is free to parents, which especially helps out cadets coming from low-income families, said Jorvan Villon, parent of a YCP cadet.

Ten percent of YCP graduates continue on to join the military, Wityk said, adding that many cadets encourage younger family members to join the program.

For more information on the New Jersey National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program, call Prossick at 609-562-0571.



Spc. Patrick Lair, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

LIFE LESSONS -- Cadet Sean Williams tosses a National Guard football with a friend during the New Jersey Youth ChalleNGe Program Family Fun Day at Willow Pond June 24.

UC opens first renovated housing units on Fort Dix

With the snip of a purple ribbon, United Communities LLC marked the completion of the first phase of renovation of the quarters on Scott Plaza June 22.

Mike Warner, former commander of the post, served as master of ceremonies at the milestone event that has been years in the preliminary phases of planning before the final contract for work was signed.

United Communities began work to build, upgrade and rehabilitate housing units on Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base in May 2007. The total project is scheduled to be completed in 2012.

The total project includes a combination of new construction and renovations to existing homes.

United Communities will construct 1,635 new homes over the next five years, replacing older homes that are no longer viable for repair and renovation because they are obsolete by today's standards.

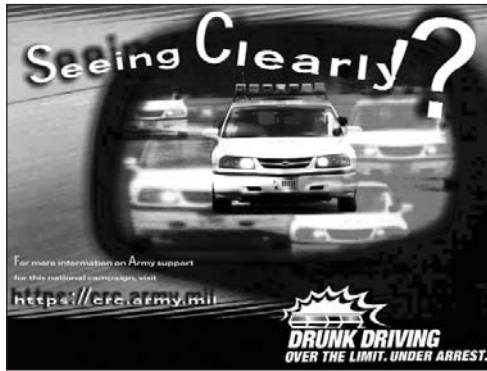
Minor renovations will be completed on 435 homes and 14 units that are of historical significance will be totally renovated.



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HISTORICAL SMILES -- Col. Rick Martin, commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, Richard Haydinger, president of United Communities, and Lt. Col. Charles Smith, Fort Dix project officer, join in the grand opening of renovated quarters on Scott Plaza. Right, a quick view of the new kitchens.





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Tips make Independence Day safe, sober holiday

Designate a Sober Driver This Fourth of July

* In 2005, July 4th was the deadliest holiday period of the year—due to impaired driving.

* In 2005, 48 percent of all traffic fatalities that occurred in crashes during the Fourth of July holiday period involved a driver or motorcycle operator with blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) of .01 or higher. Of those fatalities, 88 percent involved a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC level of .08 or higher—the illegal limit in all states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

* In 2005, 280 people were killed in crashes across America during the Fourth of July holiday period involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or above. Of those, 245 fatalities involved a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC level of .08 and higher.

* That is why national, state and local law enforcement, community health and highway safety officials will be working overtime this year to remind all Fourth of July partygoers that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving and to designate a sober driver before the celebrations begin.

* Much of the tragedy that comes from impaired-driving related crashes could be prevented if everyone would take a few simple precautions before going out to party this Fourth of July. Always follow these tips for a safer July 4th celebration:

* Plan ahead: Whenever you plan on consuming alcohol, designate your sober driver before going out and give that person your keys;

* If you're impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;

* Use your community's Sober Rides program (insert

your local Sober Rides specifics here);

* Promptly report drunk drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement;

* And remember, Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Drunk Driving is a Deadly Problem

* Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest problems. Nearly 13,000 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or higher in 2005.

* Driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. Yet too many people still ignore the law. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, more than 1.3 million people were arrested for driving under the influence during 2005.

* Too many people still don't understand that alcohol or drugs and driving don't mix. Impaired driving is no accident—nor is it a victimless crime.

Motorcyclists Are At Great Risk

* Alcohol plays a big role in motorcycle fatalities: Forty-one percent of the 1,878 motorcycle operators who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2005 had BAC levels of .08 or higher.

* A higher percentage of motorcycle operators had BAC levels of .08 or higher than any other type of vehicle driver in fatal crashes during 2005.

* Alcohol affects those skills essential to operating a motorcycle—balance and coordination.

* In 2005, the age groups with the highest rates of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes

es for motorcycle operators were between the ages of 35 to 44.

Drunk Driving Creates Serious Consequences

* The tragedies and costs from drinking and driving impaired do not just end at the potential death, disfigurement, disability and injury caused by impaired drivers.

* Driving or riding a motorcycle while impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.

* Violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses from attorney fees, other fines and court costs, car towing and repairs, lost time at work, etc.

* Refuse a sobriety test in many jurisdictions and you can lose your license on the spot and have your car impounded.

* Plus, there is the added embarrassment, humiliation, and potential loss and consequence after informing family, friends and employers.

Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving This Fourth of July

* Please remember that buzzed driving is indeed drunk driving and the belief that you have to be "falling down drunk" to be too impaired to safely drive simply is not true.

* Don't let this Fourth of July blow up in your face! Remember, Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

* Designate a sober driver before the July 4th festivities begin.

* For more information, please visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org or the Army Substance Abuse Program in Bldg 5203 Maryland Avenue.

Honoring the Colors

Reveille 6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Military personnel in uniform

Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.

Military personnel in formation or in a group

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Retreat 5 p.m. (1700 hours)

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then salute at first note of To the Colors.

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then place right hand over heart at first note of To the Colors.

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Parade, Rest" at first note of Retreat. Calls group to "Attention" and "Present, Arms" at first note of To the Colors, then "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Other bugle calls heard on post are:

Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)

Soldiers learn nuts and bolts of training

Pascual Flores
Public Affairs Staff

For CW4 Darryl Bennett, commander of the 587th Service Company (Collection and Classification) out of Fort Gillem, GA., the mark of a successful annual training is weighed upon the amount of serviceable parts and components from unserviceable equipment that can be tagged and classified for future use into the military inventory. Utilizing Army Reserve Soldiers from the 587th Service Co. (Collection & Classification) and 238th Maintenance Co., these Soldiers performed their real world mission here at Fort Dix in support of Operation Platinum Wrench (OPW). Providing assistance to the installation Directorate of Logistic, the Soldiers assigned to OPW bring to Fort Dix the experience they learned in their military occupation specialty (MOS) and a monetary saving for the work they perform.

Originally implemented at Fort McCoy as a maintenance training program, OPW uses Army Reserve Soldiers and facilities for the rebuilding and overhauling of equipment, thus providing a saving for the installation and valuable training for the Soldier.

"OPW encompasses other installations Fort McCoy, WI, Fort Gillem, GA, Tobbiana, PA and Fort Dix," said Maj. Scott Andrews, 259th Combat Service Support Battalion, from Denver, CO., commanding the 50 Soldiers that make up this year's training force. "By the end of the mission, we will have processed greater than 400 job orders," Andrews said.

For a 15-man unit, the Soldiers of the 587th Service Company pack quite a wallop. In a two-week period, the men and women of this unit were able to amass a total savings of more than \$65,000 of recoverable service parts with over \$20,000 in recovered parts issued out to other units.

"This \$20,000 represents a 30-percent cost avoidance, saving the government from purchasing new parts," said Bennett.

"We have also provided service to approximately 200 weapons performing technical

inspections and gauging weapons for proper head space," Bennett added.

Providing maintenance support for vehicles and equipment, the 28 Soldiers of the 238th Maintenance Co., from San Antonio, TX., have made positive impact by repairing and returning back to duty more than seven vehicles and five generators.

"A lot of total work hours have gone into rebuilding some vehicles," said 1st Lt. Gabriel Flores, executive officer of the unit, in-charge of the detail here at Fort Dix.

"A good percent of the Soldiers in the unit are military technicians and we have three Soldiers with us that are fresh from Advanced Individual Training (AIT)," Flores added.

He added, "The type of equipment offered here is not available to us back at home station and we help the military in funding by performing the work as part of our annual training."

A recent graduate from AIT

and with the unit only three months, Pvt. Shaun Mathis, air-conditioning and heating specialist, has already learned the meaning of teamwork.

Assigned to helping in the total rebuilding of a 10,000 pound fork-lift that is valued at \$160,000, Mathis has learned that working for a maintenance unit, one must be able to be multi-functional.

"This is my first time working on any type of military vehicle, the non-commissioned officers of the unit have been very helpful. I learned a lot from them," Mathis said.

"I'll be more aware of the problems with my care from the experience I gained during these past two weeks, Mathis added.

"The goal of the OPW is that the Soldiers receive the training and the government gets the saving," Flores concluded.

The Soldiers will conclude their training today, and head back to their respective home stations this weekend.



photos by Pascual Flores

MAINTAINING THE FORCE -- Spc. Tish Patitucci, a track vehicle repairer with the 587th Service Company (Collection and Classification), above, disconnects a piece of equipment for tagging for further use as part of her annual training during Operation Platinum Wrench. Spc. Tristan Jones, an automated logistical specialist with the 587th, left, inventories serviceable parts for further storage and distribution, while Pvt. Shaun Mathis, air conditioning and heating specialist with the 238th Maintenance Company, below, applies a pipe clamp to a muffler of an Atlas 10,000-pound fork lift.



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The 155th Combat Support Battalion, an Army Reserve unit out of South El Monte, Ca., gets presented with their yellow banner before heading overseas. Pictured are, from left, Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Flores, 155th CSB first sergeant, and Maj. Herman Ter Meer, 155th CSB commander, with the rest of the unit assembled behind.

Ryan Morton



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- feeling fearful
- painful put-downs
- use of weapons

Important phone numbers:

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871-7551
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Fort Dix Victim Advocate
562-2767
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754-9672

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Announcements



Movie Schedule

at the McGuire AFB Theatre
Movie Hotline 754-5139

Friday, June 29 @ 7:30 p.m.

Bug - Ashley Judd, Michael Shannon, Lynn Collins, Brian F. O'Byrne, Harry Connick, Jr. - At a rundown desert motel, Agnes (Ashley Judd) begins a tentative relationship with a newcomer named Peter (Michael Shannon). He has a strange charisma, one that offers fearful and unstable Agnes a flicker of hope. When Peter reveals that the military deliberately infected him with a bug and that he has tiny insects crawling under his skin, paranoia begins to envelope the desperate pair.

MPAA Rating: R - strong violence and gore, language and some sexuality/nudity and drug use

Run time: 107 minutes

Saturday, June 30 @ 7:30 p.m.

Shrek the Third - Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas, Julie Andrews - When Shrek married Fiona, the last thing he had in mind was becoming the next King. But when Shrek's father-in-law, King Harold, suddenly croaks, that is exactly what he faces. Unless Shrek (with the help of his trusted companions Donkey and Puss In Boots) can find a suitable King for Far Far Away, the ogre could be stuck with the job. The most promising candidate, Fiona's cousin Artie, an underachieving Medieval high school slacker, proves to be more of a challenge than they bargained for.

MPAA Rating: PG - some crude humor, suggestive content and swashbuckling action

Run time: 93 minutes

Main Chapel

562-2020

Sunday Services

Protestant at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.

Camp Victory in Chaplain's Tent
General Christian at 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Effective 7 June Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday through Thursday, 9 Aug. 2007
Protestant-Gospel Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Services

Main Chapel

Protestant Bible Study 12 p.m.
Chapel Library

Chapel 5 (Bldg. 5950)

Protestant at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Catholic at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Camp Victory in Chaplain's Tent
General Christian at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.

Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Women of the Chapel hold a **Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Christian Men of the Chapel hold a **Prayer Breakfast** - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Youth of the Chapel
Every second and fourth Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jewish Services
Contact the Chapel for dates and time

Volunteers are needed
for
Fort Dix Special Observances

Committees
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Black History Month
Women's History Month
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Asian Pacific Heritage Month
Women's Equality Day
Hispanic Heritage Month
Native American Heritage Month

For more information call
Denise Horton at 562-4011

Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

June 29
International Spouse Group

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Army Community Service

EFMP Support Group

3rd Thursday each month
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Army Community Service

EFMP Kidz Plus Program

Free swim for members and families
2nd and 4th Thursdays
5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Youth Center

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street
562-5061

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday - Friday 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday & Monday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:
Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

July 3 - 7

Tuesday

Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday

4th of July
CLOSED

Thursday

Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.
Dodgeball Tournament
3 - 5 p.m.

Friday

Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.

TEEN CENTER

Saturday

Midnight Basketball
Open Recreation
3:30 to 7 p.m.

Teen/Guest ONLY

7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Note: The Teen Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. except during the Youth Center's Midnight Basketball nights.

McGuire AFB
Family Advocacy Program
754-9680

July Schedule

Play Groups
Mondays
Toddlers

Wednesdays
Infants

Child Development Center #1
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
No Play Groups July 4

The More the Merrier: Playgroup for Multiples
first Friday of the month
PAX terminal

Anger Management
last three Fridays of the month
Health and Wellness Center
1 - 3 p.m.

July 13
Pregnancy 101
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
305th Medical Group, 2nd Floor, Resource Room
Must sign up prior to event to attend

July 14
Child Birth Preparation
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Virtual Memorial Hospital
Mount Holly

For information and
registration call 754-9680

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WDIX
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Post Shuttle Bus

562-5888
Monday to Sunday -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
During the day Starr Tour buses are used.
In evening the military Bluebird buses are run.

**Dix Shoppette/Class Six/
Gas Station**
723-0044
Bldg. 5359, Texas Ave.

Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BX/PX & Mall
723-6100

Monday to Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissary
754-4154
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. (early bird) to 8 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Military Clothing/Sales

Store-Alterations
723-2307
Bldg. 5601, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Closed.

Firestone
723-0464
Bldg. 4201 on Texas Ave.
Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recreation Center
562-4956
Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.
AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer access for a fee

Fort Dix Post Office
723-1541
6038 West 9th St.
Monday to Friday -- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday -- 9:00 a.m. to noon
Lobby hours
Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Burger King

723-8937
Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
McGuire Gas Station

723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by th 24-hour gate
Monday to Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Spouses' Club Thrift Shop
723-2683
Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Wednesday of each month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dining Facilities
Bldgs. 5640 and 5986
Breakfast a.m. Mon - Sun 6:00 to 7:30
Lunch 1:00p.m. Mon - Sun 11:30 a.m.to
Dinner p.m. Mon - Sun 4:30 to 6:00

Outdoor Recreation

562-6667
Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop
Equipment for rent includes skis, snowboards, canoes, flat bottom boats, canopies of various sizes, tents, tables, chairs and more.
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.

Java Cafe and Computer Lab @Club Dix
723-3272
Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday -Closed.

McGuire Shoppette
723-4705

East Arnold Avenue by the 24-hour gate
Monday to Thursday -- 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Club Dix

723-3272
Dix Cafe
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Revolutions Lounge
Opens 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday
Karaoke every Thursday at 8 p.m.

Runners burn it up during Firecracker



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Even with temperatures above 90 degrees, more than 25 runners gathered at the Griffith Field House for the Firecracker Fun Run June 28. Spc. Ruben Martinez, 1/185 Infantry, crossed the line with a 17:59 to top all runners. Look in next week's Post for additional results and photos.



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Taking it to the next level

Steel Angel, Anthony Miranda pictured above, came so close to winning the preseason championship. They beat FCI 13-7, forcing the double-loss competition to its final game. FCI rebounded in the final to win 14-13. The regular season started this past Monday, and Steel Angel is hoping to build upon the preseason success. Look in next week's Post to see softball results.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Griffith Field House will be open 6 a.m. - 1 p.m. June 26 because of Team Dix Day.

Youth Sports registration

It's time to get ready for some football! Youth Sports will be holding football and cheerleading registration May 1 - July 27. An annual registration fee of \$18 is required, along with a fee of \$80 for football or \$50 for cheerleading.

Participants must be registered with Child Youth Services. Call 562-4702 or 562-5231 for more information.

Golf Classic Scramble

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is presenting the Jersey Devil Chapter Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Classic Scramble.

The event will be Monday, July 9 at the McGuire Golf Course.

Cost for the event is \$60 and includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch and drinks. Money is due by July 3.

Call 732-427-3835 for more information.

Outdoor Recreation

Get outside and enjoy the weather with a trip with Outdoor Rec.

July 7
Dolphin watching
Cost: Adult \$45
Children \$30

July 14-15
Canoe/Kayak & camp
Cost: \$45

July 18
Rock Climbing
Cost: Adult \$35
Children \$25

July 20
Blue Fishing
Cost: Adult \$55
Children \$40

For more information call Outdoor Recreation at 562-2727.

Soccer Registration

Soccer registrations are open to dependents or family members of active duty, retired military, DoD Civilians, and contractors who have registered with Child and Youth Services.

Children 3-8 are eligible to register during open registration. Children 9-10 will be put on a waiting list.

All children must have a current physical before playing.

For more information, call 562-2819.

Local speedway offers discount

Once again New Egypt Speedway is offering a discount off the price of an adult admission ticket to all active duty military personnel and their spouses, with proper ID.

For more info call (609) 758-1900 or visit the track's website at www.newegyptspeedway.net.

These MWR Activities Host Birthday Parties and Group Outings!

Aquatics
(609) 562-2808
Arts & Crafts
(609) 562-5691

John Mann Park
(609) 562-6667
Bowling Center
(609) 562-6895



Call today and leave the fun to us!



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Henry Melon-Lopez, director, Directorate of Resource Management - Military, Col. David McNeil, installation commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson, installation command sergeant major, above from left, throw some dogs and burgers on the barbie during Team Dix Day at John Mann Park June 26. One of the day's highlights was a performance by 'Elvis,' right, (aka Keith 'King' Gipson) who brought a hunk of burnin' love to Pamela Sutton-Browning, program analyst with the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

Oldies spin during Team Dix Day '07



Wayne Cook

A '57 Chevy, late '60s Ford Mustang, and a '64 Ford Fairlane 500, from left above, stand on display. These automobiles bring to mind the days of true muscle cars and cruising on 'cool' summer nights.



Angie Simpson, Directorate of Logistics, left, receives her official Team Dix Day '07 t-shirt from Marcia Gose, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

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Staff Sgt. Margaret C. Nelson, 115th MPAD

Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, commander, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, above, takes his best shot during the Directors' Challenge.



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Sgt. Anthony Chavoya, Alpha Battery, 143rd Field Artillery Battalion, California National Guard, above, gets excited about the hula-hoop contest.

Ryan Morton



Staff Sgt. Margaret C. Nelson, 115th MPAD



Pascual Flores



Lance Corporal Richard Clements, 15 Company, 4 Para, British Army, above, takes the wheel of a classic Buick Skylark as he and his buddies prepare for the Chinese Firedrill. Philadelphia native Jamie Knight, above left, sings her song "Salute" that "thanks" members of all the military services. Sarah Woo, Directorate of Public Works Environmental, above, takes first place for females in the watermelon-eating contest. Tabbi Warner and Pearl Smires, left, fish for bottles at one of several game stands.